

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	Examiner: GAMETT, Daniel C.
Wei-Qiang GAO)	Art Unit: 1647
Application Serial No. 09/849,868)	Confirmation No. 1085
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
accompanying a Request for Continued Examination
under 35 U.S.C. § 1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 35 U.S.C. § 1.114 and is in response to the final Office Action mailed September 24, 2007. This RCE and this Preliminary Amendment are believed to be timely filed within three months of the mailing date of the final Office Action.

Please enter the following amendments to the claims and to consider the following arguments.

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